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In re the application of:)	Confirmation: N/A
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Serial Number: Not yet assigned)	Art Unit: Not yet assigned
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Title: Method and Apparatus for)	Docket No.: 10992066-1
Tracking a Transaction Across a)	
Multi-hop Network)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

With regard to the present application, Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment for consideration in the first Office Action.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: